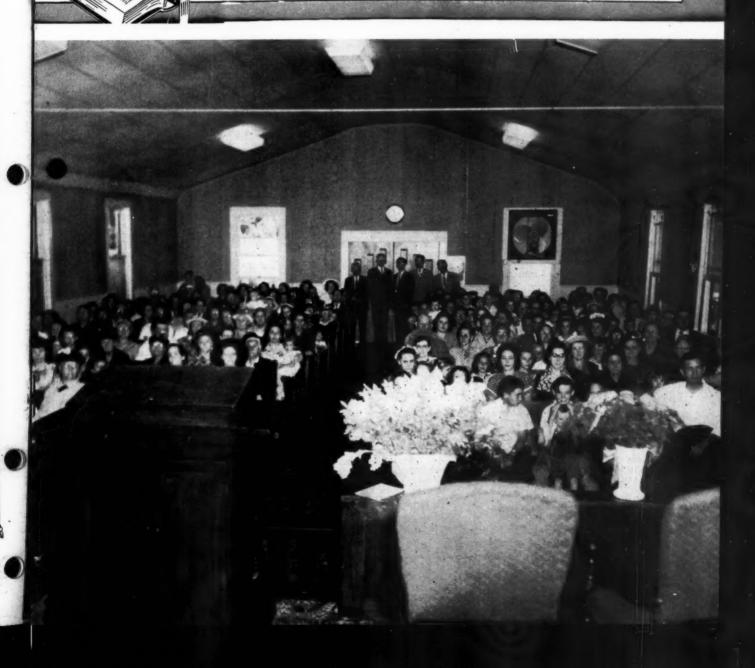
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#### From DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY **Technical Information and Analysis Division Office Chief of Chaplains** ARMY APPEALS FOR 300 CHAPLAINS 12 September, 1951



The Department of the Army has appealed for 300 civilian clergy-men of the Protestant, Catholic and Jewish groups to volunteer immediately for appoint-ment as chaplains in

ment as chapiains in the Volunteer Reserves, Major General Roy H. Parker, Chief of Chaplains, stated today.
"The se chaplains," said Chaplain Parker, "will be appointed to replace certain chaplains now on active duty who will soon complete their involuntary tour of service

Chaplains who are appointed will receive a minimum of 60 days' notice before they are required to report for duty, unless a shorter notice is acceptable to the individual. The initial astable to the individual. The initial assignment of the individual, when called to active service, will normally be to The Chaplain School, Fort Slocum, New York, for the six weeks Officer Basic Course. The initial appointment will be in the grade of

Applicants must be citizens of the United States, actively engaged in the

civilian ministry, indorsed by their own denomination and educationally and physically qualified. While the appeal is made primarily to clergymen without previous military service, applications for active service will continue to be accepted from Reserve or National Guard chaplains below the grade of Major.

Detailed information may be obtained by writing the Chief of Chap-lains, Department of the Army, Wash-ington 25, D. C.

#### COVER PICTURE BONNE TERRE, MISSOURI, HAS HOME-COMING

It was a hot summer night. The air was sticky. The crickets outside the church were chirping sleepily. But despite all these characteristics of laziness, the atmosphere was filled with enthusiasm, for the night that had been long awaited and much planned for had finally come. The bright lights of the church were streaming out in-to the night: the doors were flung open, as arms to receive a loved one; cars raced toward the Bonne Terre church and their doors slammed, indicating the church-goers could hardly cating the church-goers could hardly wait to get inside; people were gasping as they viewed for their first time the wonderful improvements the church building had recently undergone; and we were off to a three-night festivity of singing, praying, preaching, and rejoicing.

The Reverend T. L. Forrester, state overseer of North and South Dakota, and former pastor of the Bonne Terre church was called as the guest speak.

church, was called as the guest speak-er. Not only was it a blessing inde-scribable for the constituency of the Bonne Terre church to meet again the beloved former pastor who worked so indefatigably and patiently with them for four years, but their souls were strangely warmed by the preaching of the Word. We're still rejoicing over

those messages.

Privileged were we to have several visitors, such as: Reverend W. J. Milligan, former state overseer of Missouri and father of the present pastor of the church; Rev. James Steph-

ens, pastor, Benton, Illinois; Reverend Tom Rosson, state youth director of Illinois; Reverends O. L. James, Glenn, Paul Milligan, Grisham, D. M. Dabney, Andy Holman and W. H. Godwin; all of whom are pastors of surrounding churches. We were so happy to have Sister W. A. Nicholson, wife of the former pastor and present state overseer of Minnesota.

We tried hard to break the Sunday School record of 216, and almost did it. When the count was taken, we had exactly 216, needing only one to break the record. We're still looking for that ONE that laid out of church that day! An offering was lifted to pay for the improvements, which is the largest offering in the history of the church. When the amount was totaled, it was found that \$2,400 was paid and pledged, counting the offerings for our speakers. Reverend Glyndon Logsdon, state overseer, stirred our souls Sun-day afternoon with his unusual and forceful message.

We have painted the entire interior, installed a new factory-made pulpit, new secretary's desk and chair, massive fluorescent light fixtures, new painting of the "Empty Tomb," draped in red velveteen; swinging doors in the vestibule with graduated cutouts; refinished the floors; laid plush car-pets; covered the vestibule floor with beautiful tile; and purchased the necessary material for landscaping the grounds. We have already purchased fixtures for new rest rooms, installed a gas stove in the basement for the ladies, and a \$1,000 gas furnace. God is blessing in a marvelous manner.

The church has enjoyed a substan-

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tial increase in tithes over the same period last year, despite the fact that we have transferred several outstanding tithers in the establishment of new churches in Missouri. Our attendance for the worship services has increased surprisingly, and we predict a bright future for the Bonne Terre Church. Our radio broadcast is bringing new people to the church, and we have taken in seven new grown members recently, six of whom are the result of the broadcast.

-Joseph L. Milligan, Pastor



EMIL A. BALLIET, Speaker **OUTSTANDING MUSIC** Cass Tech High School Detroit, Michigan 7:30 P. M. OCTOBER 30, 1951

YOUTH LEADERS A SEMBAR FOR YOU! WRITE.

Rev. J. Montgomery, 50 Euston Avenue,
Toronto 6, Ontario, Canada

Note: I am urging as many of our youth leaders as possibly can, to attend this great youth rally. The Seminar, which will be conducted during the day, October 38, is an especially important session. We expect the evening rally to be a real "keynoter" for the P. F. N. A. convention. DON'T MISS IT! This is one of the great youth meetings of the year.—Lewis J. Willis, National Youth Director. Note. great youth an especially impor-the P. F. N. A. con-rear.—Lewis

#### EDITORIAL ...

#### THE SACREDNESS OF CHRISTIAN MARRIAGE

In the very outset, may I say that a Christian marriage is not just any kind of marriage. The word Christian implies the whole point of view toward life that governs one's relationships. Therefore, when a person calls himself a Christian, he means that he admits Christ into every area of his life. Hence, a Christian man and woman united in the bonds of holy matrimony should ever be conscious of Christ's living presence in and about their lives. The sacredness of the Christian marriage is seen clearly in the fact that it is of God. In fact, the very thought of marriage originated in the mind of God. He made human beings male and female in harmony with all His laws of creation, then united in marriage the first couple-Adam and Eve-in the Garden of Eden, thus establishing the first home on earth. As marriage then was a union of one man and one woman for life, so it is until this day. There are no grounds whatever for polygamy in the Bible.

The Christian marriage is so sacred that great care should be taken on the part of both parties in selecting a mate, for it is to be a lifetime affair. They should ask themselves the question over and over, "How can two walk together except they be agreed?" I am a firm believer in a Christian marrying a Christian. I have observed that when the Christian man or woman marries a sinner with the hope of winning him or her to the Lord Jesus, that it generally turns out the other way. Too, let me say here that any man or woman that would fake a religious experience in order to win a wife or husband is unworthy and undeserving of Christian companionship, and generally they make the bed hard for the person who marries them. There should be much earnest prayer and consideration, therefore, before choosing a mate. I wouldn't advise, however, that you pray as a certain young man did who was dividing his courtship between two sisters, Mary and Patience, whose father told him that he would have to decide which of his daughters he wanted to court. So he prayed about it, and his prayer was, "Lord, show me which of these girls you want me to marry, but please, Lord, let me marry Patience."

In Prov. 18:22 we read, "He that findeth a wife findeth a good thing and obtaineth favor in the sight of the Lord." He also says that a prudent wife is from the Lord (Prov. 19:14). It is certainly a well known fact that it is much easier to find a woman than to find a wife. This is simply saying just any woman cannot qualify as a wife. Then, to be fair to the women, it is also a fact that just any man will not make a good husband. Paul the apostle instructs, concerning marriage, in 1 Cor. 7:2, 3, "To avoid fornication, let every man have his own wife, and let every woman have her own husband. Let the husband render unto the vife due benevolence: and likewise also the wife unto the husband." Then, in Heb. 13:4, we read, "Marriage is honourable in all, and the bed undefiled: but whoremongers and adulterers God will judge."

One of the most warped attitudes that any person could take is that upon becoming a Christian, to continue marriage relationships is sinful. I've known ministers and laymen, men and women, who made shipwreck over this misconception. The two scriptures above should set anyone right on this. Not only that, but Christ's own statement

shows the sacredness of marriage, in addition to His attendance of and service at the marriage at Cana, in these words, "What therefore God hath joined together, let no man put asunder," Matt. 19:6; Mark 10:9. Certainly, if outsiders are forbidden to sever the relationship of the husband and wife, the prohibition is equally as strong against either the husband or the wife deserting or breaking off marriage relationships with each other just to marry someone else or to be free. Every couple should recognize the fact that the laws of God are actually written in their very beings. The sin of failing to recognize this will mar and destroy the happiness of any heart and home.

We certainly do not question God's ability to have fully populated this earth with people at one word, but that was not His plan. He made one pair, male and female, in the human family, then said, "Be fruitful, multiply, and replenish the earth," Gen. 1:28, and the person who goes contrary to God's purpose and breaks this law will certainly pay the penalty, here and in the next life, also. Personally, I do not feel that any couple is exempted from the responsibility of fatherhood and motherhood, without it be due to physical inability. This thing of young, healthy couples refraining from being fathers and mothers for convenience' sake-pleasure, economy, and to avoid responsibility-is, to my mind, an insult to God and a gross sin. I am not saying this because I am the father of nine children, but I am saying this simply because God's Word supports it.

Christian marriage is sacred and precious beyond that of paganistic or heathen marriages because of its oneness of relationship. The doctrine of the Bible from the very beginning is that God gave the man one woman, and He gave the woman one man, and said, "They two shall be one." A bit amusing, but a minister who was nervous while performing his first marriage ceremony, said, "Ye shall be no more twins, but one." I know that there is the old habit of going back to characters in the Bible who had more than one wife, but let us consider the fact that such men as Jacob and others were very imperfect, even though God used them in a great way. It is true that Jacob had twelve sons, who had four mothers, but Jacob called only one his wife, Rachel. No one can love, in fact, but one person at the time as a companion in the marriage relation, for, according to God's law, the tie of marriage relationship must be broken before another person can fill this place, and certainly that would be contrary to God's law. In fact, the Scriptures emphasize clearly the oneness of marriage by precept, example, and by letting us see the evils that come to the persons and homes that violate this great law.

The vows taken in marriage add greatly to its sacredness. For instance, the word solemnized, as seen on the marriage license issued by the court, means the part the minister performs in the marriage. Yet, the pledge before the minister is only the consummation of the union of two people, and they should be sincere and honesthearted. Their pledge to love, to care for in sickness and in health, in poverty and in wealth, as long as they both shall live, is actually a Christian vow taken before God the Father, the Son, the Holy Ghost, the holy angels, and the people present. Therefore, it is serious. A genuine Christian marriage is never rushed into thoughtlessly, with ulterior motives, a tendency to ignore God's will. Neither

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# Why You Have Been Baptized with the Holy Ghost

By REV. CHARLES EVANS, Pastor at Consul, Sask., Canada, and Teacher at I. B. C.

Acts 1:4, 8: "And being assembled together with them, commanded them that they should not depart from Jerusalem, but wait for the promise of the Father, which, saith he, ye have heard of me. But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me..."

The baptism with the Holy Ghost has never been given to anyone except a believer in Jesus Christ. Baptism with the Holy Ghost is not the new birth, as many claim today; and the Holy Ghost is not generally received at the same time as the new birth. He can be, and sometimes has been, received at the same time as the person was saved, but it follows the new birth every time, and it never precedes it. This is proved by the Word and by experience.

In John 14:17 it distinctly says, "For he dwelleth with you, and shall be in you"; and we read in Eph. 1:13, "In whom ye also trusted, after that ye heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation: ALSO AFTER THAT YE BELIEVED, ye were sealed with that Holy Spirit of promise..." There is only one promise of the Holy Ghost, and that is the experience that is called the baptism with the Holy Ghost. Isa. 28:10-13; John 1:33; Luke 24:49, Acts 1:4.

I notice that the men who received the first instructions from our Lord, that they were to have another Comforter, were men who had testified that He was the Saviour. In Matt. 16:16 we have Peter's first confession. "Thou art the Christ, the Son of the Living God." In John 6:69 we have his second confession, and in this one Peter spoke for the whole group of the disciples, and not for himself only: "And WE believe and are sure. that thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God." Martha made a confession of faith in Jesus Christ as recorded in John 11:27, where she said, "I believe that thou art the Christ, the Son of God, which should come into the world." Nathaniel also made

a confession when he first met the Lord: "Thou art the Son of God; thou art the King of Israel," John 1:49. If all the facts were known, I am sure all the disciples had, at some time or another, made a confession that they believed Jesus was the Son of God, the King of Israel. It wasn't until after all this had taken place that Jesus began to tell them they were to receive another Comforter: therefore. I am certain this experience is to follow the new birth. Pentecostal people the world over believe this, but there are many who will not accept the truth, and they claim that the baptism is received at the new

I notice another thing about these men. They had done some mighty and wonderful works before they had been baptized with the Holy Ghost. Too many people today, even in Pentecostal churches, look to the outward manifestation as if that were the true meaning and work of the Holy Ghost. True, it is done in the power of the Holy Ghost and in the name of Jesus, but that is not the purpose for which the Holy Ghost is given, as we shall see. In Luke 10:17-20 we read that these same men, or many of them, had healed the sick, cast out devils, had preached the gospel of the kingdom to the lost house of Israel, and when they came back rejoicing over the fact. Jesus said (v. 20). "Notwithstanding in this rejoice not, that the spirits are subject unto you; but rather rejoice, because your names are written in heaven." In Matt. 7:21-23 we understand that these signs 'following' are not necessarily going to get you into heaven, nor does it mean that the one performing the miracles has his name written down in heaven.

Why then were we baptized with the Holy Ghost? Jesus told us why when He told us that we should receive the Holy Ghost, another Comforter. Too many of us are putting emphasis on Mark 16:17, 18, and no emphasis on what Jesus said in John, chapters 14, 15 and 16, and it is there that we find why we have been filled with the Holy Ghost.

John 14:15-29. This is the first time Jesus spoke openly about the giving, of the Holy Ghost. There are other references to it, but they were generally veiled in a certain amount of secrecy. Here He plainly states that He is leaving His disciples, but He says He will not leave them comfortless, or orphans, but will send them another Comforter, who is to abide with them for ever. His name is the Spirit of Truth. This Comforter, the Holy Ghost, the Spirit of Truth, has a specific work to do. He isn't coming to be a silent partner as so many seem to have, but when He is come "he shall teach you ALL things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you." This may apply chiefly to the disciples of that day, and they wrote the epistles after the ascension of our Lord, but I believe it applies to you and me. We shall find that as we do the will of God the Holy Ghost will bring to our remembrance things that we have perhaps forgotten and that the devil would like to have us forget.

In verse 27 Jesus says this is 'peace.' What is peace? Why the Comforter is our peace. This is in fulfillment of Isa 28:10-13 where it is promised, "And this is the rest wherewith I shall cause the weary to rest." This then is the peace of God. Have you received your peace? Let us go on to another scripture, in John 15:26, 27. Here we shall see another work of the Holy Ghost in baptism, "He shall testify of me." Jesus said He must go away, for if He did not go away, the Holy Ghost could not come. When the Holy Ghost came on the day of Pentecost, and when He came on your day of Pentecost. He testified of the fact that Jesus Christ had told the truth; that He was the Son of God; that He had ascended up on high; that He had sent the Holy Ghost of promise; that He was seated on the right hand of the Father, an advocate for all. He has performed, through the church, the things of Christ. "Greater things than these shall ye (plural) do," and be lieve me, the church today is doin many of the 'greater' things.

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Now turn to John 16:7-14. Again the Comforter (the Helper) is promised to His disciples. "And when he is come, HE WILL REPROVE THE WORLD OF SIN, AND OF RIGHTEOUSNESS, AND OF JUDGMENT." This is HIS WORK.

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# Foreign Missions

J. H. Walker, Sr., Executive Missions Secretary

# Brother H. C. Stoppe, Superintendent of West Indies and Bermuda, Writes:

Dear Brother Walker:

Instead of leaving for Jamaica on September 2 as I told you I had planned, I felt a strong urge to leave on Wednesday, August 29. Well, I'm glad I did change my'plans, because the plane I would have taken, on account of a heavy fog, undershot the runway at Kingston and landed in the bay. However, all the passengers escaped with minor injuries before the plane sank.

Upon my arrival, Brother Brummett and I decided to visit parts of the Island where the hurricane had done the most damage. Words are inadequate to describe the destruction

caused by the storm.

Our first visit was to Heartease in the Parish of St. Thomas, where the parish overseer's wife was killed. Here the entire village had been wiped out. In fact, there were very few homes standing in the entire parish. I don't see how any of the people escaped death. The Government has put up a few tents, but not enough to shelter all of the people. Many had just put up a temporary booth to shield them from the boiling sun.

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As we drove up, the people flocked around us in a bewildered condition, thinking we had brought food and clothing for them. I did have a few suits of clothing that I gave to two of our preachers, as they had lost everything. I never saw people so bewildered in all my life. There is no food. All crops in this section were ruined. As I looked over the disaster time and again, I thought I must be dreaming. Numbers of the people related their experience to us of that horrible night of August 17.

Brother Gooden, overseer of this parish, was not home the night the hurricane struck. He was visiting one of the churches, while his wife and three children remained at home. When their house blew down, Sister Gooden took the children and ran for a neighbor's house that was still standing, calling for help. Before she reached there, a piece of debris hit

#### AN URGENT APPEAL

We are earnestly appealing for used clothing immediately; they need it now. Send it marked "Jamaican Storm Relief" to Rev. A. W. Brummett, Box 390, Kingston, Jamaica, c/o Eastern Shipping Company, Pier 3, Miami, Florida. You may ship in barrels and boxes; small amounts of 22 pounds or less to be shipped by parcel post DIRECT to Brother Brummett, Box 390, Kingston, Jamaica.

J. H. Walker, Sr. Executive Missions Secretary.

her on the head and killed her instantly. Since all roads were blocked, they were unable to get a coffin. The neighbors made a rough box from pieces of board from the houses and buried her beside where the church stood before it was blown down. Her clothes were blown away so they buried her in the dress she died in.

After viewing the spot where Sister Gooden was killed, we went to the home of Brother Forbes, one of the pastors. He had just received word that his niece, who was with them when his house blew down, had died in the hospital and that his nephew was not expected to live.

From there we went to the church. As we viewed its complete destruction,

my heart burned within as I saw how they had salvaged what material was left and heard them talk of their plans to rebuild God's house. Throughout my visit I didn't hear a word said about rebuilding their own homes, but rather they were lamenting the fact that they had no place to worship. They asked if it would be possible for us to give them some help as they hardly knew where to begin since they had lost everything.

I informed them that we had word of 31 churches blown down, and that all the reports were not yet in. However, I did assure them that when we got word to our good people in the U.S., they would come to our rescue and help us. Out of 6 churches on this parish, only one was standing, and it had suffered a great deal of damage. In fact, there was not a church of any denomination in this parish that I saw standing.

Brother Walker, if there was ever a time we needed used clothing, it is now. The Government has taken down all restrictions as per duty and is appealing to people everywhere for help. Even Haiti has cabled the Jamaican Government, saying that they were sending a relief ship with food. Under separate cover, I am sending you some of the newspapers (The Daily Gleaner) from Jamaica which will help you to understand why I say that words cannot express the awful damage done to the Island.

Brother Brummett and his family are safe, and our mission home has only lost a few shingles.

I am sure our people in the U.S.A. will respond to this call and help us rebuild these churches. Many of these people had made extreme sacrifices for years to build these churches, so perhaps that is the reason they have talked more about their churches than their homes.

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My son who is in Korea.—Mrs. Lee, Phoneton Chie

My son who so ton, Ohio.

My brother to be saved and healed; my two sisters to be healed.—Mrs. E. E. Wheeler,

sisters to be healed.—Mrs. E. E. Wheeler, Roanoke, Va. My husband to be healed.—Mrs. Enoch Jamison, Sylva, N. C. The healing of my body; me to be able to get a job; my loved ones.—Mrs. R. R. Barnes, Rutherfordton, N. C. The healing of my body; my niece to be healed.—Mrs. Monroe Edge, Booneville, Miss. God to heal me so that I may win souls for Him.—Mrs. Jane Burton, Anderson, S. C. God to send us a great revival.—C. W. Mc-Kay, Patterson, Va. My mother to be healed.—Lucille Lord.

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God to guide me.—Mrs. Emma Kay, Calhoun,

Ga.
My husband to be saved.—Mrs. Walter
Smith, Broadway, Va.

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He who cannot find time to read his Bible will one day find time to be sick; he who has no time to pray must find time to die; he who cannot find time for repentance will find an eternity in which repentance will be of no avail.—Hannah Moore, from Full Gospel Herald.

Rev. and Mrs. J. A. Lewis

Rev. J. A. Lewis, son of Benjamin Franklin and Georgia A. Lewis, was born in Thomas County, Ga., April 2, 1888. He had only finished the sixth grade school work when his mother died, and he was left to his own resources when he was very young. At the age of nineteen, he married Bettie Lisemby, and they were blessed with four children, two boys and two girls, and he had the sad misfortune of los-ing to death his wife when their baby was only four months old. His second and present wife is Lillian May. To this union there were born two children, a boy and a girl, giving to him a family of three boys and three girls.

Mrs. Elphia Lewis Nelson lives in Mrs. Elphia Lewis Nelson lives in Tampa; J. Lewis, in Seattle, Wash.; E. C., in Marion, Fla.; Eunice Lewis Smith, in Wayne, Mich.; Jack, in Seattle, Wash.; and Madelyn Lewis Capitaino, in Tampa, Fla. All have been saved except one, and all are friends to the Church of God.

Brother Lewis says, "In my early days I was in the show business. Then I served on the police force, also as

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# A Look at Yesteryears

. . . with Rev. and Mrs. J. A. Lewis

deputy sheriff. I was the first uniformed policeman in Panama City, Fla. That's where I met Sister Lewis. After leaving Panama, we went to Birmingham, Ala. While there we took up dancing. From Birmingham we went to Ft. Myers, Fla. There we built a large eighteen-room home with a dance hall in it, and we taught dancing. I ran booze (whiskey) from the East to the West coast. But I was not one bit happy or satisfied. The good Lord sent a man filled with the Holy Ghost who was concerned about my soul, and I gave my heart and life to Jesus. My work started as superin-tendent of a Sunday School right in our dance hall. I thought being superintendent of a Sunday School was the greatest work in the world, and still think so. My wife and I were so in-terested in the work until we had Sunday School on Wednesday night. We would invite the neighbors in and a lot of them came, and several young people were saved as a result of it. At times we had sixty or more. So far as I know, that was the first home department Sunday School—1925. Superintendent, if you really love your work, you will do more than just run out to you will do more than just run out to the church on Sunday morning. I worked from seventy to seventy-five hours a week in R. A. Henderson's meat stores, and would go out to schoolhouses, driving sometimes about twenty-five miles, to take Sunday School to the people. My first revival was at Okeechobee. I went there to make music, and the evangelist left after the first three days, so I took over. I remember my first text, Gen. 29:15. I have preached in large and small churches, in homes, tents, schoolhouses, and brush arbors. I have preached approximately 7,488 sermons; approximately 4,368 have been saved 3,120 sanctified 2,496 filled with the Holy Ghost, 2,705 baptized in water, and 2,508 added to the church

moder my ministry."

Rev. Lewis was licensed April 10, 1926, and ordained September 12, 1926, and ordained September 2, 1936. He says his greatest desire was to evangelize. "I never had a desire to evangelize position in the Church. hold an official position in the Church. While pastoring I served as district pastor. My job has been to preach the gospel. I will say that I can't recall any time since God called me to preach that I was without a message, whether on the streets, in the pulpit, whether on the streets, in the pulpit, over the radio, in parks, schoolhouses, courthouses, or jails. We have had the privilege of helping to build new churches and start new works in East Detroit, Cleveland, Ohio, Warren, Ohio, and Toledo, Ohio. We also had a part in the work at Pensacola, Fla. It was our privilege to be in Baldwin Park, Calif., to help them get started on a new building. I would not forget Labelle Fla. in our early ministry where belle, Fla., in our early ministry, where we won a nice congregation and tab-ernacle from the Nazarenes; also, seven preachers came out of that re-vival—Rev. Floyd O'Bannon and wife seven preachers came out of that revival—Rev. Floyd O'Bannon and wife, Rev. Norman Warren and wife, Rev. Paul O'Bannon, Rev. E. E. Coleman, and Rev. Pat O'Bannon. We have had revivals where there were more experiences, but that's the largest number of ministers I know of from one revival that I conducted."

#### OUR GUEST-FROM SOUTH AFRICA

My dear Brother Bright: Although I have not had the pleasure of meet-ing you personally, yet I am happy to be able to greet you as one of the Church of God in Southern Africa. I am sure Brothers Chesser and Walker can vouchsafe for me.

It has been a real blessing to come across 10,000 miles of ocean and meet the folks of our church here in the United States. This consolidation of our organizations has been a great source of inspiration to the people of our church in South Africa. I believe it to be a God ordained plan for the speedier evangelization of the land where we have been laboring against

great odds for many years.

I am busy in a revival at Wilmington, N.C., and it has been a great source of joy and blessing to me to witness the enthusiam with metals. witness the enthusiasm with which the people here worship the Lord. Folks here really enjoy their religion. You have a great country, a great



Rev. W. R. Andersen

people, with a great vision and open hearts to see it accomplished. I am, indeed, privileged to be among you and trust that my visit may not only bless my soul, but cause your peo-ple to feel more than ever the link that has bound us together in one great family. Hoping to meet you great family. Hoping to meet you personally when I am able to visit Headquarters, I am, Yours in His service, Walter R. Andersen.

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# The Marriage and Supper of the Lamb

By Clyde C. Cox, Charleston, S. C.

TEXT: "Let us be glad and rejoice, and give honor to him: for the marriage of the Lamb is come, and his wife hath made herself ready. And he saith unto me, Write, Blessed are they which are called unto the marriage supper of the Lamb. And he saith unto me, these are the true sayings of God." Rev. 19:7-9.

INTRODUCTION: God was married to Israel by the way of a covenant with Abraham. She (Israel) is referred to as HIS WIFE. She was given to much backsliding and played the harlot. "Turn, O backsliding children, saith the Lord; for I am married unto you: and I will take you one of a city, and two of a family, and I will bring you to Zion," Jer. 3:14. God later gave her a bill of divorce for playing the harlot. Judah, her sister, played the harlot also. Jer. 3:6-8. As God was married unto his people the Jews, Christ will be married unto His church, the bride. God rejected Israel and turned to a nation bringing forth fruit (Gentiles). Now God is divorced, or separated from the covenant of marriage, since the Jews rejected His Son. God will not remarry; however, Christ, His Son, will marry. Man is bound to his wife as long as she liveth; so was God to Israel. Since the sacrificial law is dead, we are free to be married to another, even to Christ. "Wherefore, my brethren, ye also are become dead to the law by the body of Christ; that you should be MARRIED TO ANOTHER, even, to him who is raised from the dead (Christ), that we should bring forth fruit unto God." Rom. 7:4. Bear in mind that Israel is not put away for ever, only blinded until after the marriage of the Lamb is come," which will take place at the rapture, when the bride and bridegroom meet in midair. We are no longer bound to the law but are free to help constitute the BRIDE of CHRIST. In order to be the BRIDE of Christ, we must be made free by the LAW of CHRIST. "For the LAW of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus hath made me FREE from the LAW of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus hath made me FREE from the LAW of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus hath made me FREE from the LAW of SIN and DEATH," Rom. 8:2.

#### THE MARRIAGE

A tabloid version of the MARRIAGE is set forth in parables by the Lord referring to a certain king and marriage. "The kingdom of heaven is like unto a CERTAIN KING, which made a MARRIAGE for his SON," Matt. 22:2. In the parables the WEDDING is never completed; the writer merely refers to the primary preparative. In the parable of the ten virgins, the ready ones "went into the marriage"; however, "the door was shut." That is as far as we go at this time until we can hear the door close behind the raptured saints. Only the

READY will pass through the threshold of the WEDDING DOOR. Matt. 25:10. Many invitations to attend the wedding have gone out, but very few have qualified or secured the WEDDING ROBE. The guest in the parable endeavored to make it without the robe, but he failed to go undetected by the king's eye. We have a very wise King, and nothing will escape His attention; we must have on the WEDDING ROBE. This marriage will be a full-dressed wedding. We must have on the WHOLE ARMOR of GOD. The ROBE is very essential; in fact, it is indispensable. It symbolizes the RIGHTEOUSNESS of SAINTS. izes the RIGHTEOUSNESS of SAINTS. "The fine linen is the RIGHTEOUSNESS of the SAINTS." Rev. 19:8. When the Lord says, "Be ye also READY," He precisely insists that we have the perfect dress for the occasion. "I will greatly rejoice in the Lord, my soul shall be joyful in my God; for he hath clothed me with the garments of salvation, he hath covered me with the ROBE of RIGHT-EOUSNESS as a bridgeroom decketh." EOUSNESS, as a bridegroom decketh himself with ornaments, and as a bride adorneth herself with her jew-els," Isa. 61:10. Since the saints will meet the BRIDEGROOM in midair, I am of the opinion the wedding will take place before the Lord returns to the earth. 1 Thes. 4:16, 17. The return to earth with ten thousands of His saints will be the honeymoon of the BRIDE and GROOM, a thousand vears' reign.

#### THE BRIDEGROOM

John the Baptist knew Christ as no other living person upon the earth understood Him. John referred to Christ as being that BRIDEGROOM. Ye yourselves bear me witness, that said, I am not the Christ, but that am sent before him. He that hath the BRIDE is the BRIDEGROOM: but friend of the BRIDEGROOM, which standeth and heareth him, reoiceth greatly because of the BRIDE-GROOM'S voice: this my joy therefore is fulfilled." John 3:28, 29. John emphatically identified Christ as being the BRIDEGROOM, and that he that hath the BRIDE is the BRIDE-GROOM Specifical of the bride property of the BRIDE of the bride property of the BRIDE-GROOM Specifical of the BRIDE-GROO GROOM. Speaking of the bridegroom's voice he said, "All that are in the graves will hear that VOICE and will come forth. John 5:28, 29. Jesus gave witness that He was the BRIDE-GROOM. "And Jesus said unto them, Can the children of the bridechamber mourn as long as the BRIDEGROOM is with them? but the days will come when the BRIDEGROOM shall be taken from them, and then shall they fast," Matt. 9:15. Christ was to be taken from the disciples that were in the BRIDE'S CHAMBER, a place of making ready for the wedding. However, at the coming of the BRIDE-GROOM, the bride will go out to meet Him, and the BRIDEGROOM

will ever be with the BRIDE. "And at midnight there was a cry made, at midnight there was a cry made, Behold, the BRIDEGROOM com-eth; go ye out to meet him." Matt. 25:6. "GO YE OUT TO MEET HIM." We shall meet the Lord in the air. The "MIDNIGHT" refers to a dark hour of time. Truly we are in the midnight hour now. Listen for the VOICE of the BRIDEGROOM. The five wise and five foolish virgins are a true symbolical facsimile of the church age of our time. We are more or less slumbering under the shadow of the coming of the BRIDEGROOM as the disciples slept under the shadow of the crucifixion of Christ. Awake, thou that sleepeth; the BRIDEGROOM COMETH. They that were READY WENT IN with the BRIDEGROOM to the WEDDING. Matt. 25:10. The existing LUKEWARM condition of the modern churches will prevent the living-dead church members from meeting the BRIDEGROOM. Though some may make it "out of great tribulation," they will not be in the BRIDE of Christ nor at the SUP-PER of the LAMB.

#### THE BRIDE OF CHRIST

Since Paul has so stated that we would be MARRIED to another, even to Christ, then He is the BRIDE-GROOM, and we are the BRIDE of CHRIST. The Father is the King of the MARRIAGE of HIS SON. Referring to the words of John, "He that hath the BRIDE is the BRIDE-GROOM," John 3:29. John was answering a question relative to all men coming unto Jesus, and they were baptized. Here he relates the fact that Christ is the BRIDEGROOM, and those coming unto Him would be the BRIDE. The overcoming saints that make up the church as the body of Christ will be the BRIDE in the rapture. In returning to the earth to reign in righteousness and holiness, the saints are referred to as "HIS WIFE." The WEDDING is over, and the HONEYMOON is now on. wife hath made herself ready," Rev. 19:7. His wife or bride here is the saints of God that have overcome. "And to her was granted that she should be arrayed in FINE LINEN, clean and white: for the FINE LINEN is the RIGHTEOUSNESS of SAINTS." Rev. 19:8. Note that the word "SAINTS" is in the PLURAL, consisting of more than ONE. The many saints will constitute the ONE BRIDE, and will become his WIFE and return to earth with Him. "And the armies which were in heaven followed him upon white horses, clothed in FINE LINEN, WHITE AND CLEAN." Here we have the same group of overcoming saints that John called the WIFE OF CHRIST, dressed in FINE LINEN. the righteousness of saints. Not only is the voice of the BRIDEGROOM calling men to the fountain of living water, but the BRIDE is saying come

also. "And the Spirit and the BRIDE say, Come. And let him that heareth say, Come. And let him that is athirst come. And whosoever will, let him take the water of life freely," Rev.

the Jews the VOICE of the BRIDEGROOM ceased when they rejected Him as their King and Messiah. The Gentiles are now privileged to become the BRIDE of Christ. Israel shall be saved; however, she will not become the BRIDE of Christ. After the Gentile BRIDE is presented to Christ. He will return to the Jews to select out of Israel a people to be called by His name. Twelve thousand out of each tribe will be saved, making a total of one hundred and forty-four thousand to be known as the RE-DEEMED OF THE EARTH. In the rapture, we will receive the redemption of the body and become the RE-DEEMED FROM THE EARTH. The tribulation saints, or those coming out of GREAT TRIBULATION, are neither the BRIDE nor the 144,000. The Jews will be sealed and shall not be hurt, as the wine and the oil of the Lord. Nothing is said about the tribulation saints receiving a robe (which is necessary to become the BRIDE of Christ) until after they are already under the altar of God. They are only SOULS and have no glorified body as the BRIDE will have. Rev. 6:9-11. You may note that they had received no crown; they had no works for which to be rewarded. Rev. 22:12.

#### THE SUPPER TABLE

The Scripture teaches that we shall sit down in His kingdom with Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, while others are cast out into outer darkness or tribulation. After the wedding of the BRIDE and BRIDEGROOM, we shall enjoy the MARRIAGE SUPPER OF THE LAMB. And I am of the profound conviction the Lord will have a TABLE for us to sit down at and enjoy the supper. The same God that informed David He would prepare a TABLE for him can prepare one for the BRIDE. "Thou preparest a TABLE before me in the presence of mine enemies: thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over," Psa. 23:5. Paul informs us that the Lord does really have a table, and the people can eat at His table. "Ye cannot drink the cup of the Lord, and the cup of devils; ye cannot be partakers of the Lord's TABLE, and of the table of devils," 1 Cor. 10:21.

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The children of Israel spoke against God and questioned His power to prepare them a TABLE in the wilderness. "Yea, they spake against God; they said, CAN GOD FURNISH A TABLE in the wilderness?" Psa. 78:19. God rebuked them for their unbelief in His ability to prepare a TABLE and furnish BREAD and MEAT for them to eat. There will be a table and we will sit down and eat and drink at that table of the Lord's. "That ye may EAT and DRINK at my TABLE in my kingdom, and sit on thrones judging the twelve tribes of Israel." Luke 22:30. This verse again proves that the 144,000 will not be the BRIDE; they will be judged of the BRIDE. However, the TABLE is the



Rev. Clyde C. Cox was born in Floyd County, near Rome, Ga., to Rev. and Mrs. W. E. Cox. The late Rev. W. E. Cox was, until his death, an ordained Baptist minister. Brother Cox's mother was a charter member of the Lindale, Ga., church which was organized in 1913. He was converted at the age of 20 and became a member of the Church of God June 2, 1925. He was licensed as minister No. 2206, in October, 1927. Rev. F. J. Lee was General Overseer, and J. W. Culpepper was overseer of Georgia. He was ordained Bishop in 1932. Brother Cox delivered his first sermon at his home church, Lindale, and his second sermon in the Kannapolis, N. C., church, where Rev. S. J. Heath was pastor. His third sermon was the beginning of a successful revival at Landis, N. C., under a brush arbor. The results of this meeting were: 20 converted, 17 sanctified and 12 baptized with the Holy Ghost. He was assigned his first church December 17, 1927, at Thomaston. Ga., where he served until the Assembly 1929. In 1930, he did state evangelistic work in Georgia. He served as pastor of ten churches in the State of Georgia, including his home church (for four years), Lindale, Ga. He was also pastor of the Fort Worth, Texas, Church, South Park Church, Birmingham, Alabama, and Dillon, S. C. While at Dillon he was appointed as state overseer of Louisiana and served for three years. He was attae overseer of Indiana for one year and of Mississippi for three years. He was a member of the Supreme Council for two terms. He has served on the editorial staff of the Evangel and Lighted Pathway and has contributed writings to the Evangel since 1927. He is now pastor at Charleston, S. C.

interesting factor in mind. The Lord will have a table in His kingdom, and we shall sit upon thrones.

#### FOOD UPON THE TABLE

One may feel that we are going too far to say that we shall eat after the rapture has taken place. The Scripture goes beyond the mind, ears, and heart of man in the things that God has provided for those that love Him. Yes, we shall enjoy real heavenly supper with the BRIDEGROOM. In order to eat, there must be food prepared for the supper. "... Behold, I have prepared my dinner: my oxen and my fatlings are killed, and all things are ready: come unto the marriage," Matt. 22:4. "ALL THINGS ARE READY." That could mean that other food will be on the table. From an ox nice steaks can be had and other juicy cuts. Regardless if it be steak or just

meat, we shall need BREAD and we shall be granted that. "Blessed is he that shall eat BREAD in the kingdom of God," Luke 14:15.

God supplied Elijah and the widow with bread during the famine. While the widow was going for water that Elijah might drink, Elijah cried unto her and said, "Bring me, I pray, a morsel of BREAD in thine hand." She said, "I have not a cake (bread), but a hand full of meal in the barrel." God filled the barrel daily that they might have bread. 1 Kings 17:10, 11. Where did the meal come from? God has corn in heaven. "And he rained down manna upon them to eat, and had given them of the CORN of heaven." Psa. 78:24. In fact, God fed man with angel's food years ago, and we shall enjoy it again. "Man did eat angels' food: he sent them meat to the full." Psa. 78:25. Elijah enjoyed an angel cake and went upon the strength of it for forty days and forty nights. 1 Kings 19:4-8. The food will be tasty; in fact, we shall be able to taste the delicious food at the marriage supper. "For I say unto you, that none of these men which were bidden shall TASTE of my SUPPER," Luke

Since we shall have meat, bread and other food, we shall need DRINK to go along with the food. And we shall have it, real fruit juice fresh from the vine. "But I say unto you, I will not DRINK henceforth of this FRUIT of the VINE, until that DAY when I DRINK it new with you in my Father's kingdom," Matt. 26:29. At the marriage in Cana of Galilee Jesus turned the water into wine, and they had drink. God is able to have DRINK of pure fruit juice at the supper if He has to make it out of water while at

The reality of the eating will be brought about by Jesus Himself feeding us. "For the Lamb which is in the midst of the throne shall FEED THEM, and shall lead them unto LIVING FOUNTAINS of WATER: and God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes," Rev. 7:17. One may wonder just where the FRUIT JUICE could possibly come from, but bear in mind that there will be a tree of LIFE there, and it will yield its fruit each month, and twelve manner of fruits. Rev. 22:2. We shall have fruit from that tree to eat; yes, to EAT."... To him that overcometh will I give to EAT of the tree of life, which is in the midst of the paradise of God," Rev. 2:7. Israel received manna from heaven for forty years and did very well on it. Well, we shall have manna to EAT when we get to that supper table."... To him that overcometh will I give to EAT of the HIDDEN MANNA..." Rev. 2:17. Israel had togather for themselves of the manna. We shall be served by the Lord at His table.
"... Verily I say unto you, that he shall gird himself and make them to sit down to meat, and will come forth and serve them," Luke 12:37. Jesus not only knows how to serve the food but He understands how to prepare it for eating. When the fishing disci-

ples had come to land, they saw a (Continued on page 15)



# The State Overseers' and Youth Directors' Meeting a Success

The picture above shows the general officials, state overseers, and youth directors in the host church, North Cleveland, Tenn. The first ses-North Cleveland, Tenn. The first session of this mid-Assembly official meeting convened September 10, at 10 a.m. However, due to the fact that the Supreme Council, Mission Board, School Board, and Youth Board had been in session practically up to this date, the host pastor, Rev. Frank Spivey, not only had the large auditorium packed out, but many of them torium packed out, but many of them were officials. Overseers and youth directors representing forty-seven states were present.

General Overseer, H. L. Chesser, in his opening address stated that the meeting had been held after much prayerful consideration and the twenty-five-point agenda prepared; due to the fact that although practically every point of the agenda was set forth in the Minutes, explicit instructions had not been given as to how these things should be carried out. Therefore, it was important that a meeting of this kind be called so as to spend some time in discussing ways and means of carrying out the various phases of our work. I am sure that hours have never been filled with more activity by as many Church officials since the days when the Genaral Assemblies convened in Cleveland. Practically every phase of the Church work was given at least some consideration.

Thought was not given only to the United States, but our foreign mission work came into consideration. The following resolution is proof of that: "Resolved, that a week be declared as Jamaica Hurricane Relief Week," and that each church in the United States make a special drive to collect used clothing, and that the week be climaxed not later than September 30, by each church receiving an offering, and that this not affect the budgets in any way." This resolution came after the information was divulged by the Executive Secretary of Missions, Brother J. H. Walker, that forty-one churches in Jamaica had been de-stroyed and twenty more terribly damaged, with a total loss to our church property of \$17,000. Not only that, but our precious people there

are in dire distress for lack of food and clothing, and, of course, the only thing necessary for our people throughout the United States to respond in giving to them relief is to know about their distress.

It was also demonstrated during the conference that we are concerned about what people throughout the world think of us (who and what we are for), as proved by the following:
"It was resolved by the officials of the Church of God today (Sept. 10, 1951), that the Church as a whole will not support Homer A. Tomlinson in his bid for the presidency of the United States. The decision came after numerous press releases concerning the alleged candidacy of Mr. Tomlinson to the highest Government office of the land. These releases have proved embarrassing because of his claim to be the bishop of all Pentecostals. The General Overseer, Rev. H. L. Chesser, presided over the meeting of the superintendents and youth directors of all forty-eight states, and this meeting convened at Lee College, Tenn., which is one of the educational institutions of the Church. Homer A. Tomlinson has no affiliation nor connection with this Pentecostal organization. One of the primary purposes for the call council was to lay plans for the rebuilding of sixty-one of our churches in Jamaica that were de-stroyed or damaged by the recent hurricane." This resolution was run in various newspapers.

In the last session September 11 7 to 11 p.m., upon request, the General Overseer spoke on the remaining items of the agenda.

At the close of his statements, Assistant General Overseer, Rev. Zeno C. Tharp gave a report on his visit to Washington, D. C., to attend a civil defense conference. That conference was called for the purpose of soliciting the cooperation of civilians, and especially ministers, as leaders and directors, throughout the United States, to organize groups in their various localities to render service in case of atomic bombing. When he stated that the information given out in that meeting was to the effect that in case of mass bombing there would not be more than perhaps one out of every ten persons to survive, I almost shuddered. We, however, are to actu-ally realize that this may not be mere speculation. He said that there are two main things the Church is thinking of today, and that is atomic warfare and the coming of the Lord Jesus Christ. He was authorized to prepare special information to be furnished the state overseers and pastors throughout the Church as to what should be done in case of atomic bombing and after. Then too, there will be some information run in the Evangel before long along this line.

I thought after the report, so near the close of the meeting, how terrible it is that we can't meet in a religious gathering, be it a conference or regular meeting, with-out being confronted with the devas-tating work of Satan. Then I thought, well, after all, this is the challenge to the Church, and it is the purpose of the Church to wage war against sin and wickedness by winning men and women from the clutches of Satan and his kingdom to the glorious king-dom of our God and His Son. And I am sure that every minister left the conference fully aware of this chal-lenge and determined to meet it in his respective field of labor.-J. D. B. 

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# Poison from the PRIEST

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"I absolve you from your sins in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. Amen." These are words of absolution from the lips of a Catholic priest. In this manner your sins are forgiven. This appears to be nonsense to the ordinary Protestant, but the Catholic sincerely accepts this means of forgiveness as genuine.

The minds of millions today are concerned about the real manner to receive pardon for their sins. It's very easy for us who know the real truth but not for the person held in darkness by the priest. The heart of man cries for deliverance, whether he be heathen or nobleman; sin weighs upon the heart until there is pain. From the Pope, cardinals, and robed priests of the Vatican comes a religion that has poisoned the minds of millions. It has caused heathen to mix images of the virgin Mary and apostles with their stone gods. It has been the means of poverty and dejection to countries overrun by the Catholic hierarchy. Catholicism has led these people to a precipice and has been the means of spiritual suicide.

Who can forgive sins? Only Christ Jesus, of course. Every week teeming millions whisper their sins to someone else, a carnal man in a black robe. This man is usurping Christ's authority, supplanting Christ's power. Not only does he step beyond Christ, he places the person or victim under heavy obligation. These obligations cost in money and time. We should think that the Catholic would "wake up" and shake loose the bond of the Church, but this is very unlikely unless there is a fight waged for his soul. The devil has blinded their eyes, and they cannot possibly see the corruption and evil of such a system of religion. The machinery of the great Catholic Church is so devised that it seldom loses a follower.

Certain directives from the Pope insult the intelligence of its members. but still very little is said when a new order is received. For example, "the doctrine of bodily assumption of the virgin Mary" was swallowed hook, line and sinker. If something like this were aimed at Protestants, they would howl as though pierced with a dagger. Where in the Bible is there proof that the virgin Mary ascended bodily into heaven? Well, the ordinary Catholic never thinks that way; at least, there is no evidence of it. This is the reason the Roman Catholic Church is so strong and powerful. Every follower must adhere to its teachings, practices, and doctrines, fully accepting every morsel of poison. A priest must never be questioned as to his doctrine or state of spirituality. He is "father of the flock," a dearly beloved brother of Jesus Christ.

The following statement is direct from the Pope himself:

"In his (Christ's) right, I am sovereign. I acknowledge no civil superior; and I claim more than this, I claim to be the supreme judge on earth, and director of the consciences of men—of the peasant that tills the field and the prince that sits on the throne, of the household that lives in the shade of privacy, and the legislature that makes the laws for the kingdoms. I am the last judge on earth of what is right and wrong."

The Pope engages in politics, perhaps in a very indirect manner, but he always gets his point to the people. The Church directs the votes of its people and bosses their private and public life in a subtle way. Politics has long been a tool of the priest. The recent suppression of the famous newspaper "La Prenza" in Argentina is a good example. The newspapers blame Peron, but underneath the scheme was religion, a deal dealt straight from the Vatican. "La



Rev. Luther Carroll was licensed in November, 1946. He attended Bible Training School, was in Guatemala two and one-half years, and is business manager of "Healing Today."

Prenza" was entirely too unfriendly with Evita Peron who is a special friend of the Pope.

Try crossing the local archbishop in any Catholic dominated country, and "you're sure to be bounced right out." Right now missionaries are being pushed out because of their religious teachings. Catholics proclaim "liberty for religion," but that merely means liberty for themselves.

With its tentacles that kill, the octopus of Catholicism has choked out the very life and initiative of nations under its dominance. Look them over and see for yourself. Spain is in the worst of poverty and depression. Strikes and violence reign. The Pope has long had a strangle hold on this country. Very few Protestants worship here. It is dangerous to admit to being anything outside of Catholicism. All of Latin America is shrouded by the dense darkness of Romanism. The church keeps its followers illiterate as far as the true Word is concerned. Its teachings include only the propaganda it wants to spread. The Latins have seen blood shed hundreds of times because of the Roman poison. Poor ignorant Indians have been herded into dark churches and have been forced to worship an image of

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# ... Good News from the Field ...

#### STANTON, KY., ENJOYS A GOOD REVIVAL

Praise God for the good revival which just came to a close here in Stanton. There was a fine spirit of fellowship among the saints and nice fellowship among the saints and nice attendance from over the district. We are glad to say we were all blessed. A number were saved, sanctified, and filled with the Holy Ghost. This revival was conducted by Rev. Roy Dagnan, of Wallins Creek, Ky. The Lord blessed Brother Dagnan in every message, and we enjoyed his being with us. The church is revived and we feel like traveling on for Jesus. Anyone would do well to get Brother Dagnan for a revival.-Jesse Bowman, Pastor.

ZION, Ala.—I wish to tell you of the greatest revival I have ever wit-nessed. It was at Zion, a place some people thought to be dead. When we people thought to be dead. When we moved to this community, they were not having any services at all. Nineteen of us had prayer meetings and organized Sunday School and Y.P.E. We prayed until the Lord sent us a pastor, Brother Paul Beggs, and his family. Five weeks ago the Holy Ghost came down in a wonderful way and family. Five weeks ago the Holy Ghost came down in a wonderful way, and 4 were sanctified, 2 filled with the Holy Ghost, and every unsaved person in the house was in the altar. We all felt the revival spirit so great until Brother Beggs announced there would be services for a week. The third night, the Lord sent Brother Nobley our way, and we had a 3 weeks' revival. Twenty were saved, 14 sanctified, 12 filled with the Holy Ghost, 15 added to the church, and 15 baptized in water. Two weeks later Brother Owens and Ashley came to Zion, and there were 2 saved, 3 sanctified, and 4 baptized with the Holy Ghost, 3 in the same family, 2 of my sons and one of my daughters. While Brother Owens was preaching, an aged mother fell in the preaching, an aged mother fell in the altar and was wonderfully sanctified. We now have an average of 50 in Sunday Schoool, have 25 members, and are expecting many more. We need your prayers. I have 7 children, and the 5 oldest all have the Holy Ghost. I feel like I am the happiest mother in the world.—Mrs. Florence Mulkey, Wedowee, Ala.

#### THE NEW ENGLAND CAMP MEETING

Someone has said, "In Christ there is no East or West, in Him no South or North," and surely this was true of our camp meeting which convened at

Appleton, Maine.

Brother D. G. Homner, our state overseer, had spent much time and effort beforehand that everything would be in readiness, and long before time for the first service the campground was alive with smiling faces. Everyone seemed glad to be there. The very first service was owned and blessed of the Lord. The ministers all

#### LEE COLLEGE ALUMNI LAUNCHES VISUALIZED PROJECT

At the recent meeting of the state youth directors and state overseers which convened in Cleveland. Tennessee, the Rev. L. H. Aultman, state overseer of Texas, presented to me a check in the amount of \$25 to assist in this work. Brother Aultman, being a School Board member, realizes the great importance of this endeavor. With this gesture, the ball began to roll, and at the close of this meeting a total of \$530 had been given in cash and pledges. The majority of the donors gave \$10 each, and many of these were not alumni. These gifts were greatly appreciated.

The Supreme Council, School Board, and Youth Board gave their unanimous support as each member of these boards gave \$10 to speed this work along.

Alumni Association Members: Possibly by this time you have received your membership card and letter. We should appreciate it very much if you would give serious consideration and send in your donation as soon as possible to help us bring the school to the people. Watch the

Clarion for the Honor Roll.

The actual work of the processing of the film is under way. Watch for future announce-ments.—Brady Dennis, Alumni President.

seemed at their best, and brought some wonderful messages. Brother Koshewitz, of Ferndale, Mich., the camp meeting speaker, was a great blessing, and God honored his messages by sending old-time conviction. A number were saved, sanctified, and filled with the Holy Ghost. Sister Koshewitz added much to our camp with her smiling face and burning factiments of the healing particular. with her smiling face and burning testimony of the healing power of God. We were privileged to have our General Overseer, Brother H. L. Chesser, with us, and his timely messages were a blessing. Sister Dorothy Wallace, of Somerset, Pa., our state evanged to the state of the sta gelist, was an inspiration. Also, we were glad to have Sister Emma Newman, of Birmingham, Ala., with us. Brother Homner had every day planned, but not so planned that the Holy Ghost couldn't take charge and bless the people. Sister Homner, president of the L.W.W.B., filled in anywhere needed-at the piano, in song, or making some one feel welcome. Surely we are privileged to have such fine people to be our spiritual advisors in this needy field.

Sister Agnes Roberts, our state

youth director, did a fine job with the children. We wouldn't want to forget Brother and Sister King, the cooks. I have been going to camp meetings for over 30 years, and I have never seen a camp meeting its equal. It was like a big family sitting at the long table a big family sitting at the long table in the dining room, or sitting together in heavenly places in the tabernacle where the Lord richly blessed us. Brother and Sister Murray were on the job at the refreshment stand. Everyone seemed to have the spirit of cooperation, if it was leading a song, or picking up papers on the grounds. It was, indeed, wonderful! The different ministers and lay members from near-by churches rendered some wonderful messages, music, and songs. You would have had to be there to know it all. I am looking forward to just such another time next year, if Jesus tarries.-Ruth E. Justin.

BLAKELY, Ga.—We have closed a revival conducted by Brother Robert Jackson. The Lord wonderfully blessed. There were 8 saved, one sanctified, 4 baptized with the Holy Ghost, and 12 baptized in water. God did really bless in the healing service.—B. F. Holland. Secretary.

#### NORTH ROME, GA., HAS REVIVAL

God has given us a wonderful re-vival. Many people have received a definite blessing from God. Not only have they been blessed in our revival services, but some have prayed until the victory came in their homes, and some have been blessed at the church during the day. There were 21 saved, 20 sanctified, and 18 baptized with the Holy Ghost the same way the peo-ple were at Pentecost. Eleven have al-

ple were at Pentecost. Eleven have already united with the Church, and others are looking this way.

Our good pastor, Rev. Paul T. Stover, did the preaching for our revival services. We thank God for Brother and Sister Stover. They have really been a blessing to the church work. been a blessing to the church, not only with their singing and preaching, but their lives are an inspiration to all they meet. Pray for us that we will always strive to do God's will.—Church Reporter, Julia Hogan, 16 Wheeler St., Rome, Ga.

PAINT ROCK, N. C.—Here is good news from the new mission under the Church of God at Tennlina. Rev. R. H. Watson was the evangelist in charge of a 3 weeks' revival there. God has wonderfully blessed. There were 15 saved, 6 sanctified, one filled with the Holy Ghost, 7 added to the church, and 3 baptized in water. Numbers were healed. One lady was healed of a cancer. God wonderfully blessed Brother Watson in each message. Any hurch would be blessed to get Brother church would be blessed to get Brother Watson for a revival. You can contact him at Barnardville, N. C., at the present time.-M. H. Lamb, Pastor.

# **South Central Youth** Congress

The Youth Congress for the South Central district has gone into history as one of the greatest in the history. Everything went well from the very beginning of the first service on Tuesday night, July 31, and remained the same throughout the last service Thursday night, August 2.

The Church of God, Tyler and Centre streets, Dallas, made us very welcome from the very beginning. The pastor, Wilma Henry, as well as all the church, did their very best to make us comfortable while we were there. It was learned that they had spent a large sum for fans and airconditioners to make the church cooler for the Congress. Time and space would not permit to tell all the

things they did to let us know we were welcome. All of us could say, unanimously, "We thank you very much." Enthusiasm was shown from the National Youth Director, Reverend Lewis J. Willis, on down through the various committees and attendants. Everyone was well supplied with the necessary enthusiasm to make the Congress a great success. The different State Overseers that represented their states shared in the great interest for the meeting. Out of the eight states that were represented, only three overseers were absent. The State Youth Directors from all the states but one were there.

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There were three classes each day for both days. The first morning, beginning at 9 o'clock and ending at noon, incorporated "Daily Vacation Bible School" taught by Sister Willis, "Sunday School Administration" by Jimmie Rickles, and "Pedagogy" by Thomas Shoemaker. The second morning was arranged as follows: "Sunday School Evangelism" by Clifford Bridges, "Visual Aid" by Brady Dennis, and "Young People's Endeavor Program Preparation" by Cecil Truesdell. No one knows the value that was derived from these classes. With such a splendid staff of teachers, it would be hard not to get something out of this kind of teaching. The main theme of the classes was to lead people to God, which, after all, is the thing we live and work for as Christian young people. Every teacher stressed it emphatically in his teaching, and I feel we have all been blessed with a greater zeal than we ever had to win souls to the Lord Jesus Christ.

The afternoons were also filled with good things! E. H. Babb gave an inspiring talk on the "Standardization Plan" for the Sunday School. We have no need to doubt the benefits from such a plan after Brother Babb had made his delivery. There was a panel discussion that could also be discussed to long the but it would be considered. at length, but it would take much time and space to tell you all about it. You only know of the real blessings from a youth congress by being present at just one of them. If you attend just one, you will not want to

miss any more. The second afternoon miss any more. The second afternoon program offered some very fine lectures by W. E. Dowdy and E. M. Tapley on "Youth Evangelism and Personal Work," and "Developing Youth Leadership." No one believed the Congress was complete without these very fine

Tuesday night we had with us Brother J. H. Walker, the Executive Missions Secretary, who gave us a very fine message along the line of "Missions." Perhaps the young people of the Church of God hadn't realized they were needed so much in the cause of Missions, but we of this district know it now. The Lord knows of the good done, by our Brother Brady Dennis, State Youth Director of South Carolina and member of the National Youth Board, who gave us a splendid

message on "Digging Ditches," Wednesday evening. What a wonderful thing for young people to know and accept their responsibility. "It may mean digging ditches, but it will be worth it in the long run," Brother Dennis pointed out to us. The service pended with a cell in which ended with an altar call, in which many came to the altar to accept the Lord. Brother Tapley gave an inspir-ing message the last night of the Congress. The presence of the Lord came in such a way that made us feel His nearness, which was so dear to our hearts. The sacredness that we felt in that congregation, seemed to spread to every one and many came down the aisles to accept the Lord. The altars were filled with seekers who were hungry for a closer walk with the Lord. Such a wonderful serv-

The Congress ended with everyone shaking hands and saying to each other, "THIS HAS BEEN A WONDER-FUL YOUTH CONGRESS!!!"

Congress Reporter, Amos A. Ledford.

# Mississippi State Youth Conference

On Saturday morning, July 21, crowds of people, young and old, from various parts of the state assembled in the Mississippi Tabernacle at Jackson to worship the Lord. Good singing, shouting, praying, praises, wonderful preaching and offerings were the high lights of our worship.

There were two morning speakers. Reverend Paul Henson, one of our youngest preachers in the state, spoke first, using a great subject, "Youth first, using a great subject, "Youth Accepting the Challenge." The message was marvelously delivered with a glorious spirit of meekness. The second speaker was our National Youth Director, Reverend Lewis J. Willis, who preached a wonderful sermon on "Youth in the Honey Business." The very subject activates our thinking. We were greatly blessed.

we were greatly blessed.
Saturday evening the crowd was greater. Throngs of young people marched into the building, taking places reserved for them. The building was crowded with people. The congregation was directed by Reverend Lewis J. Willis to sing, "Onward Christian Soldiers."

An amusing thing happened. Brother Babb had told us they were going to do something the Bible said not to do. This thing was not to give place to the devil. Sure enough, Reverend and Mrs. Leonard arranged for a devil's Mrs. Leonard arranged for a devil's convention. The supposedly devil had helpers, angel of light, sickness, pleasure, jealousy, envy and strife, giving us some ideas on how the devil carries out his plans and hinders Christians in their plans for God.

A very special treat from the Morgantown Church was the "Kiddy Band" who rendered several fine

numbers directed by Bethel Hamil. They were an example of good training and fine accomplishment.

Reverend A. D. Gamil asked the people for an offering for our State Youth Director, Reverend E. H. Babb. The response was fine. The state of Mississippi has been greatly blessed with the work of Brother and Sister Babb. God surely must be pleased with people who go wholeheartedly in every respect for Him. They have proved what work and determination from consecrated lives can do for making progress and success.

Saturday afternoon, our Assistant General Overseer, Reverend Zeno C. Tharp, lectured on the subject "Life." I know of no man who could have done a finer job of instructing young

Saturday night, people again came until the building was crowded inside with a great congregation on the outside. God and His Son, Jesus, in the power of the Holy Ghost were there again

The singing was glorious. Reverend Babb gave recognition to district youth directors. Reverend Paul Bark-er led a short praise service. The evening message, "Youth Face to Face With Christ and Destiny," was deliv-ered by Reverend Lewis J. Willis. Then he gave an opportunity for souls to find Christ. The altar was lined with seekers.

Surely Jesus interceded to God and God, through the Holy Ghost, directed His yielded servants in making this convention a success for God and the Church of God.-Convention reporter, Mary Grace Comans.

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is it entered into with the thought of a trial marriage, or a spiritual husband and wife affair, but, rather, as a union for life.

Further, Christian marriage embraces both the body and the person inside the body-mind, heart, conscience, and spiritual life. In this relation the Bible teaches that it is possible to commit the sin of unchastity. After all, the heart is the seat of affection, which governs the outer acts of the body, for Jesus said, "Whosoever looketh on a woman to lust after her hath committed adultery with her already in his heart." Therefore, since marriage is both a physical and spiritual union, everyone who contemplates marriage should seek the guidance of the Holy Spirit so as to go strictly by the Word of God. Further, the marriage union is so sacred that it is used in the Scriptures to illustrate the blessed union of Christ with His church. Notice what Paul has to say in Ephesians 5, "Wives, submit yourselves unto your own husbands, as unto the Lord. For the husband is the head of the wife, even as Christ is the head of the church: and he is the Saviour of the body. Therefore as the church is subject unto Christ, so let the wives be to their own husbands in every thing. Husbands, love your wives, even as Christ also loved the church. So ought men to love their wives as their own bodies. He that loveth his wife loveth himself. For this cause shall a man leave his father and mother, and shall be joined unto his wife, and they two shall be

The sacredness of Christian marriage is also set forth very definitely by the fact that there is only one cause stated by Jesus Christ, other than death, that gives a person the right to sever their marriage relation, and that is fornication. The Lord Jesus stated this law twice; first, in Matt. 5:31, 32, and again in Matt. 19:3-

Marriage, therefore, is a very sacred and serious matter, and it is strictly in keeping with God's will that it be regarded as such. The sacred vow, "Until death do us part," cannot mean until desertion, mental cruelty, jealousy, and hundreds of even less important reasons "do us part." The law of God should govern the minister, or whoever unites people in the bonds of matrimony, and be

their standard of determining for whom they should perform the marriage ceremony. Remember, the family that prays together stays together, and that such Christian homes constitute the hope of our nation and church.

#### NOTICES

Those who care to write me regarding meetings may contact me at my new address, Gen. Del., Cleveland, Tenn. Those of you who have already contacted me for meetings will be hearing from me as soon as it is possible to give you a date.—Glenn C. Pettyjohn.

I have moved from the State of West Virginia, and am now working in the State of Alabama. To my many friends that desire to write me, my address is Box 124, Kimberly, Ala.; Telephone, 6431.—W. W. Snuffer.

The October 6 Evangel will be the Macedonian Call (Mission) issue. If you should want extra copies at 3c per copy, drop us a card at once. We print only what we think are needed.

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If anyone has a husband, brother, sister, daughter, or friend stationed at the Millington Naval Base at Memphis, or anyone in the Army Air Force stationed at Memphis, please have them contact me at the following address: Ralph Anderson, 475 Lundee St., Memphis 11, Tenn.; or write to me giving their address.

#### **OBITUARIES**

Mrs. C. W. Wheeler was born Aug. 22, 1881, in Calhoun County, Ill., and departed this life July 26, 1951, at Sedgwick, Kans. Her membership was at Clovis, N. Mex., where her daughter and son-in-law, Rev. and Mrs. F. H. Dance, are. Mother Wheeler climbed to the top of faith's ladder. She was saved, sanctified, filled with

chimbed to the top of faith's ladder. She was saved, sanctified, filled with the Holy Ghost, and added to the Church of God Oct. 28, 1945, at Enid, Okla.

SEXTON

Reuben Sexton passed on to be with Jesus Aug. 5, 1951, at the age of 17. He was a member of the Church of God at Oneida; Tenn, and was a faithful worker in all departments of the church. He was loved by all who knew him. He carried his Bible to school and most of his school work was based on the Bible. God came on the scene with his comforting hand and baptized him with the Holy Ghost just a few hours before he died. The funeral was conducted by his pastor, Rev. James K. Morgan, and the body was laid to rest beside his father, Hawkin Sexton, in Newlite Cemetery, to await the resurrection. He leaves behind his mother, 4 brothers, 7 sisters, and a host of relatives and friends. We weep not as those that have no hope, for we feel that our loss is heaven's gain.—His mother, Lana Sexton.

My aunt, Mrs. N. A. Butts, passed away May 23, 1950, in my home. She became a member of the Church of God while we were in Enid, Okla. She was 97 years old.—Mrs. F. H. Dance.

## LOOK!

In our last Editorial and Publications Board meeting it was decided to give credit each week to those sending 4 or more subscriptions to the Evangel. Following are those for this week:

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# WHY YOU HAVE BEEN BAPTIZED WITH THE HOLY GHOST

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NOT YOURS. Yes, you will be the channel, but when you do this work, it will cause hard feelings, resentment. and backsliding. When He does it, it will be done as the Father and the Son would have it done. His work is not finished there, either. He will guide you; He will speak to you; He will show you things to come; He will glorify the Son. This is the work of the Holy Ghost. This is the way He will work through you if you are filled with the Spirit of Promise. The disciples knew this, and they were not looking for the signs alone, as too many are today. In Acts 4:23-31, 33, we read of the prayer of the disciples after persecution and threatening. Read with me verses 29-31, 33. "Lord . grant unto thy servants, that with all boldness THEY MAY SPEAK THE WORD." Nothing is said about performing miracles, etc. Now proceed, "By stretching forth thine hand to heal: and that signs and wonders may be done by the name of the holy child Jesus." Friends, they wanted the signs to follow only that they might be encouraged to proclaim the WORD of GOD with boldness. They did not believe that these would be the great drawing card for their campaigns. They did not advertise great healing campaigns. They proclaimed the WORD. Paul always preached before anything else took place. Signs FOL-LOWED; they followed to encourage the disciples in preaching the Word. In Mark 16:15 we are told, "Preach the gospel," and the signs will follow. There is a great tendency today in Pentecost to see the signs first, and if we have time we shall hear the Word of God. My brother and sister, you are filled with the Holy Ghost so you might be the channel through which men and women that are lost might hear about the salvation of God through the shed blood of Jesus Christ. If God chooses to do some mighty, powerful work through you, then you praise God, and we shall praise God with you. Yes, we expect these things to be seen, and they will attract people to the place where they take place. I am not belittling the power of God, but let us keep ourselves on an even keel, or we may sink with the crowd. Jesus Christ our Lord is with us today, and the Holy Ghost is working through our people. Souls are being saved in the Church of God;

people are being healed; miracles are taking place; we have the gifts of the Spirit in evidence all over; but remember, first and foremost, the commission was "preach the Word." "Ye shall receive power after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you, and YE SHALL BE WITNESSES . . . " Praise God for the power that was given to be used against the devil. Praise God for every opportunity we have of turning loose for Him, and letting His Holy Ghost work through our lives. Let us ever praise God that He brought us into this gospel way whereby we might believe and have the mighty baptism with the Holy Ghost. Let us, at all times, be yielded vessels to be used as He desires.

# THE MARRIAGE AND SUPPER OF THE LAMB

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FIRE OF COALS and FISH and BREAD laid there upon. John 21:9. Jesus said, "COME AND DINE." Those words will be repeated soon, and what a happy time that will be for the people of God!

CONCLUSION: We now have need of the TRUE BREAD OF LIFE. Jesus is that BREAD. We are not admonished to follow Him for the BREAD and the FISH that perish, but for the true Bread that giveth life. The fathers did eat bread in the wilderness and ARE DEAD. May we eat to live. His wife made herself ready. We must be prepared to meet God. We must be HOLY to have part in the BRIDE of Christ. If we do not work, neither shall we eat. Write, "Blessed are they that are called unto the marriage supper of the Lamb." There is another supper and table. It is called the SUPPER OF THE GREAT GOD. Rev. 19:17. There is no food prepared for this table. The wicked will furnish the food. Their bodies will be the food, and the fowls of the air will be filled with the meat. May we make our calling and election SURE. God bless

### POISON FROM THE PRIEST (Continued from page 11)

the virgin Mary. Are they any better off kneeling to their stone gods? Idolatry is idolatry, whether done the Roman way or heathen way. These helpless souls are plunged into greater damnation because they actually blaspheme the name of Jesus Christ.

The nations worshiping the Virgin are without God's blessings. Evil governments, corrupt politics, stealing and violence mark the worship of idols. God's distaste for such religion is clearly seen, yet dozens of nations are held tight by the strong tie of the Vatican. Is there hope unless a valiant messenger of Jesus Christ crashes the

'purple curtain' and lifts the shining banner of a risen Saviour, the actual One who will freely give pardon without cost?

Although the poisoned victims of Catholicism are in deep waters of damnation, there is a Christ loving and kind, beckoning in a gentle voice: "I am the way (not the priest), the Truth, the Life; no man cometh unto the Father but by me." Peter concluded this by declaring: "Neither is there salvation in any other, for there is none other name under heaven given among men whereby we must be saved."

The Catholic Church is not a sister church to the Protestant, but an evil system, a tool of the devil that injects deadly poison into its adherents. Don't be fooled by the flowing robes and beautiful prayers. The devil has a good thing, and he knows it. False religion is just as damning as adultery and murder. The Catholic Church should be resisted as it works in our America: every inch gained will be paid for in eternal lives. There are only twenty-eight million in the U.S., Alaska, and Hawaii. Does that scare you? It should. Find time to do something about this alarming situation, or it may be too late. This is "Christ's hour, shall we give it to the Roman Catholics?

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